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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to absentee ballot tracking

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 8-414 to read as follows:

S 8-414. ABSENTEE BALLOT TRACKING. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL ASSIST COUNTY BOARDS AND THE NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE A SECURE WEBSITE THROUGH WHICH ANY REGISTERED VOTER WHO HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, OR WHO OTHERWISE HAS A RIGHT TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, FOR AN UPCOMING ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER MAY VIEW THE CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR ABSENTEE APPLICATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT. SUCH WEBSITE SHALL NOT REQUIRE USERS TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT. SUCH WEBSITE SHALL INDICATE FOR EACH SUCH VOTER WHETHER THE COUNTY OR NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS HAS:

1. RECEIVED SUCH VOTER'S REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, IF APPLICABLE;

2. APPROVED OR REJECTED SUCH REQUEST, IF APPLICABLE, AND, IF REJECTED, A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR REJECTION;

3. MAILED OR DELIVERED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO SUCH VOTER FOR SUCH UPCOMING ELECTION;

4. RECEIVED SUCH VOTER'S COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR SUCH UPCOMING ELECTION; AND

5. COUNTED OR REJECTED SUCH VOTER'S COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR SUCH UPCOMING ELECTION, AND, IF REJECTED, A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR REJECTION.

S 2. This act shall be subject to appropriations required to cover the costs to develop and maintain the website.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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